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*To My beloved late father, Pehin Penyurat Haji Awang Ahmad bin
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May Allah sanctify his soul and bless him.*



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Chapter 4

Al-Falimbānī's Schools

Introduction

This chapter is a thorough investigation of his close students, twelve in all, keeping in mind that there must have been more as 'Abd aṣ-Ṣamad al-Falimbānī was reported to have taught at least in Mecca and Zabīd, both cities regarded as highly esteemed centres for traditional Islamic learning during the period under study. Apart from providing information on his scholarly discourse, as was the case in the study of his teachers, this section also discusses the types of knowledge he transmitted, inspired and instructed, and further historical information on his life.

This section may be considered somewhat ambitious due to the fact that there are no studies discussing this area. The initial difficulty faced when conducting this kind of research is that al-Falimbānī himself does not mention his student's names in any of his works. Secondly, only glimpses that appear scattered throughout numerous genres of works in both Malay and Arabic allow us to trace his network of students and their locations. These have to be drawn together to make this a relatively cohesive account. This will be done by classifying al-Falimbānī's students by location.

Al-Falimbānī in Mecca

The numerous writings on *isnāds* of al-Fāḍanī, apart from revealing several teachers of al-Falimbānī unknown to previous studies, also tell us those scholars who learned from him and hence were among his disciples. From these *isnāds*, I have been able to collect several names of scholars who studied directly with him, such as Nawawī al-Bantanī, 'Uthmān ad-Dimyāṭī, 'Abd al-Ghanī al-Bīmāwī, Fāṭimah

al-Falimbāniyyah (his daughter), 'Abd al-Mannān at-Tarmasī, Šāliḥ as-Samārānī, Arshad al-Banjārī, Maḥmūd b. Kinān al-Falimbānī, and Jarjis (or Jirjis) al-Mūšilī.

It is fortunate that for most of these later generations of *Jāwī* scholars, their biographical notices are available in Arabic biographical writings, which further assist us in analysing their connections in the scholarly networks. It is important to note that biographical notices for al-Falimbānī's *Jāwī* colleagues in Arabic sources are extremely rare, to an extent that he was the only *Jāwī* scholar of his period that I found to have independent notices devoted to him in Arabic biographical writings. This, as I have highlighted earlier, reflects his prominent position and esteemed teaching career as a highly regarded *Jāwī* scholar of his time in the Arab world, especially in Zabīd.

Perhaps, one of al-Falimbānī's students who benefited greatly from him was [Abū 'Abd al-Mu'ṭī] Muḥammad Nawawī b. 'Umar b. 'Arabī al-Jāwī al-Bantanī ash-Shāfi'ī al-Makkī (1230-1314/1814-96), better known in modern times as Shaykh Nawawī Banten.¹ According to his close student, the Indian by birth, and a historian and *muḥaddith*, 'Abd as-Sattār b. 'Abd al-Waḥḥāb al-Bakrī aṣ-Ṣiddīqī ad-Dihlawī al-Makkī (1286-1355/1870-1936), Nawawī al-Bantanī was born in his home country in Banten, Western Java on a Monday, in 1230/1814 and travelled to Mecca at a very young age,² and according to a modern study, had left his hometown around 1245/1829 at the age of fifteen.³

Nawawī al-Bantanī was a great scholar (*al-'allāmah*), *al-'ālim al-jalīl* (a sublime savant), *al-fahhāmah* (astute), *mufasssīr* (an expositor of Qur'ān), a *Ṣūfi* and a Shāfi'ī jurist.⁴ Apart from al-Falimbānī, al-Bantanī later studied with numerous Arab professors of his period, such as Sayyid Aḥmad b. 'Abd ar-Raḥmān ash-Shāfi'ī al-Makkī, better known as Aḥmad an-Naḥrāwī (1210-91/1795-1874), Aḥmad ad-Dim'yāfi (d. 1270/1853 in Medina), the Shāfi'ī *muftī* of Mecca, and Muḥammad Ḥasab Allāh (1233-1335/1817-1916).⁵ In addition, al-Fādānī also includes Muḥammad Šāliḥ b. Ibrāhīm ar-Ra'īs az-Zamzamī (d. 1240/1824) among his teachers from whom he received one of the most popular Prophetic tradition, '*innamā 'l-a'māl bi 'n-niyyāt, wa-innamā likulli 'imri 'in mā nawā*' (actions are defined by intentions, and to every person what he intends).⁶ The latter, as noted earlier, in turn had learned from al-Falimbānī's teachers, including

his father Ibrāhīm az-Zamzamī, 'Alī al-Wanā'ī and Aḥmad al-'Aṭṭār.⁷ However, on examining the year of death of az-Zamzamī and arrival of al-Bantanī, assuming that his date of arrival was given correctly, it is unlikely that they met in Mecca. Therefore, perhaps he must have received this *ḥadīth* indirectly by way of *ijāzah* by correspondence.

Apart from studying in Mecca, al-Bantanī also travelled to Medina where he studied *ḥadīth* with Muḥammad Khaṭīb Dūmā al-Ḥanbalī and received from him the *al-ḥadīth al-musalsal bi 'd-Dimashqiyyīn*. From Medina, he frequently travelled to Egypt and Syria to further his studies and to gain benefits from its scholars.⁸

In his unpublished *ijāzah* granted to 'Abd as-Sattār al-Bakrī, al-Bantanī provides a concise list of some of his teachers and their teachers; however, he limits himself to listing only seven of the most recent Arab professors he attended. They were, in addition to an-Naḥrāwī and ad-Dimyāṭī, 'Abd al-Ḥamīd ad-Dāghistānī (d. 1301/1883), Yūsuf b. 'Abd ar-Raḥmān as-Sinbillāwaynī (*nisbah* to as-Sinbillāwayn in Egypt, d. 1285/1868 in Mecca), 'Umar b. Muḥammad Barakāt al-Biqā'ī (1245-1313/1829-96), 'Alī b. Aḥmad ar-Raḥbīnī (d. 1293/1876 in Istanbul) and 'Umar al-Jibrīnī.⁹ It is unfortunate that al-Bantanī only includes his most recent teachers, which otherwise would perhaps have given us a better knowledge of his earlier *Jāwī* teachers, among whom al-Falimbānī himself would figure.

The Dutch scholar, Christiaan Snouck Hurgronje during his sojourn in Arabia between 1884-1885 met Nawawī al-Bantanī in Mecca, whom he described as the most renowned *Jāwī* doctor of divinity, who memorised the Qur'ān perfectly.¹⁰ Snouck mentioned two of his *Jāwī* teachers, Khaṭīb Sambas, who in most probability was Aḥmad Khaṭīb b. 'Abd al-Ghaflār al-Jāwī as-Sambasī (1217-89/1802-72),¹¹ and 'Abd al-Ghanī Bima, who must have been 'Abd al-Ghanī b. Ṣubḥ al-Jāwī al-Bīmawī (d. 1270/1853), who was reported to lived over a hundred years.¹²

However, as we can see in al-Fādānī's writings, most of his *isnāds* for various Islamic sciences that he studied with his *Jāwī* teachers virtually include Nawawī al-Bantanī as part of the chain, and he in turn learned it with 'Abd aṣ-Ṣamad al-Falimbānī.¹³ This indicates that al-Falimbānī was one of al-Bantanī's important *Jāwī* teachers.

The Islamic sciences that al-Bantanī studied with al-Falimbānī include literatures on *ḥadīth* such as *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī*, *Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim*, Imām Mālik's *al-Muwattaʿa*, *Musnad ash-Shāfiʿī*, *Musnad Aḥmad*, as-Suyūṭī's *al-Jāmiʿ aṣ-Ṣaḡhīr*, and its commentary, *Fayḍ al-Qadīr Sharḥ al-Jāmiʿ aṣ-Ṣaḡhīr* by al-Munāwī (d. 1031/1621). On *sīrah* he read at-Tirmidhī's *ash-Shamāʿil*; on *tafsīr* he read al-Khāzin's (d. 725/1324) *Lubāb at-Taʾwīl fī Maʾānī at-Tanzīl*, and *Tafsīr al-Jalālayn*, composed by the two 'al-Jalāls': Jalāl ad-Dīn al-Mahallī (d. 864/1459) who wrote half of it, and his student, Jalāl ad-Dīn as-Suyūṭī (d. 911/1505), who completed it after his teacher's death. On *tawḥīd* he read Abū Jaʿfar at-Taḥāwī's (d. 321/933) *al-Aqīdat at-Taḥāwīyyah*, Ibn al-Jawzī's (d. 597/1201) *Dafʿ Shubḥ at-Tashbīḥ bi-Akuff at-Tanzīh*, as-Sanūsī's (d. 895/1490) *Umm al-Barāhīn* and Muḥammad b. ʿAbd al-Wahhāb's (d. 1206/1792) *Kitāb at-Tawḥīd fī Ḥaqq Allāh ʿalā ʾl-ʿAbīd*.

On *ʿulūm al-Qurʾān*, al-Bantanī read Abū ʿAmr ad-Dānī's (d. 444/1052) *at-Taysīr fī al-Qirāʾāt as-Sabʿ*; on *fiqh* he read Ibn al-Wardī's (d. 749/1349) *Bahjat al-Ḥāwī*, Muḥib ad-Dīn at-Ṭabarī's (d. 684/1295) *al-Qirāʾ li-Qāsidī Umm al-Qurā*, Ismāʿīl al-Muqrī's (d. 837/1433) *ar-Rawḍ wa ʾl-Irshād*, Ibn Ḥajar al-Haytamī's (d. 974/1566) *al-Minhāj al-Qawīm*, a commentary on Bā-Faḍl's (d. 918/1512) *al-Muqaddimah al-Ḥaḍramīyyah*, and Muḥammad b. Sulaymān al-Kurdī's *al-Ḥawāshī al-Madaniyyah*, his glosses on *al-Minhāj al-Qawīm*.

As for *taṣawwuf*, al-Bantanī studied Ibn ʿAṭāʾ Allāh's (d. 709/1309) *al-Ḥikam* and *at-Tanwīr fī Isqāṭ at-Tadbīr*, and Ibn al-ʿArabī's (d. 638/1240) *al-Futūḥāt al-Makkiyyah*, all three were advanced books on Sūfism. The list goes on with other Islamic sciences including grammar and history. From this list, it is certain that al-Falimbānī possessed a thorough knowledge and was a profound scholar of various branches of Islamic disciplines, especially *taṣawwuf*, so that he was able to teach advanced books to his students. It also indicates that Nawawī al-Bantanī must have spent a substantial time studying all these works with him. Above all, this clearly suggests that al-Falimbānī was still alive by the time al-Bantanī reached Mecca around 1245/1829 and that he was able to meet and study with him.

Nawawī al-Bantanī lived in the vicinity of al-Ḥaram, in a quarter called Shiʿb ʿAlī (the Gap of ʿAlī). Apart from lecturing at his *madrasah*,

he also gave regular lectures at his house, which would be crowded with no less than two hundred students at a time.¹⁴ His students were mainly fellow *Jāwī*s, and many of them later became *kiyais* (religious teachers) of many *pesantrens* (traditional Islamic educational institutions) in the Archipelago.¹⁵ Some of Nawawī al-Bantanī's students later became scholars of *al-Ḥaramayn* and thus in turn became teachers to later *Jāwī* scholars. For instance, three of his students, *al-mu'ammār* Jam'ān b. Sāmūn al-Jāwī at-Tanqarānī (d. 1381/1962),¹⁶ who read with him among others his *al-Munīr fī 'l-Tafsīr*, *al-mu'ammār* Sayyid 'Alī b. 'Alī al-Ḥabshī al-Madanī (1255-1353/1839-1934), and the aforementioned Meccan historian and *muḥaddith*, 'Abd as-Sattār b. 'Abd al-Wahhāb al-Bakrī, were scholars of *al-Ḥaramayn*. All three, later became teachers to al-Fādānī.¹⁷

Nawawī al-Bantanī was one of the most ubiquitous *Jāwī* authors who have numerous works attributed to him and is said to have written at least one hundred works.¹⁸ He wrote in both Arabic and Malay, having no less than twenty-eight titles in Arabic listed to his name.¹⁹ Among his works that were not listed by his biographer are his unpublished manuscript copy of the life history (*sīrah*) of the Prophet SAW entitled *al-Munā wa 's-Sūl fī Mawlid ar-Rasūl SAW*, and the aforementioned *ijāzah* which he wrote for 'Abd as-Sattār al-Bakrī.²⁰

As already mentioned, 'Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Ahdal tells us that al-Falimbānī inclined towards Ṣūfism and directed most of his attention to studying and teaching al-Ghazālī's *al-Iḥyā'*. He began to enjoin his students and colleagues to occupy themselves with this book and glorify its significance, and frequently highlighted its virtues and benefits. This is clearly noticeable in al-Bantanī himself as he only introduces his students to the works of Ṣūfīs with whom ethics predominates over the occult elements of mysticism, such as the works of al-Ghazālī. His moderate perception of Ṣūfism is further evident from his literary activity in his commentary on al-Ghazālī's *Bidāyat al-Hidāyah* entitled *Marāqī al-'Ubūdiyyah Sharḥ 'alā Bidāyat al-Hidāyah*, completed on 13 Dhū al-Qa'dah 1289/12 January 1873, and his commentary on Zayn ad-Dīn al-Malībārī's mystic poem entitled *Salālim al-Fuḍalā' 'alā al-Manzūmah al-musammāh Hidāyat al-Adhkiyā' ilā Ṭarīq al-Awliyā'*, completed on 13 Jumādā al-Ūlā 1293/6 June 1876.²¹ In this commentary, al-Bantanī

provides a short biography of al-Malībārī telling us that he is Zayn ad-Dīn b. 'Alī b. Aḥmad ash-Shāfi'ī, born in Malabar, southern India, on a Thursday, 12 Sha'bān 871/19 March 1467. He was brought to Fanān at a very young age by his uncle Zayn ad-Dīn b. Aḥmad, where he later died on 16 Sha'bān 928/11 July 1522.²² It is worth noting that this Zayn ad-Dīn al-Malībārī is not to be confused with his grandson who carries the same name, Zayn ad-Dīn b. 'Abd al-'Azīz b. Zayn ad-Dīn al-Malībārī ash-Shāfi'ī (d. 987/1579), renowned chiefly for his acclaimed Shāfi'ī *fiqh* work entitled *Faṭḥ al-Mu'īn bi-Sharḥ Qurrat al-'Ayn bi-Muhimmāt ad-Dīn*. In addition to his moderate *Ṣūfī* teachings, al-Bantanī does not counsel his students to join any *ṭarīqah*; however, at the same time he does not prevent them from doing so.²³

It is also important to highlight that an-Nawawī was among the *Jāwī* intellectuals who showed their discontent with Dutch encroachment in the Malay Archipelago. His anti-Dutch sentiment is obvious from Snouck Hurgronje's account, as he relates that an-Nawawī rejoices in the difficulties caused by Aceh to the colonial Dutch Government, and in his conversation, disagrees with his compatriots who held that the *Jāwah* lands must necessarily be governed by Europeans. Snouck adds that the resurgence of an independent Islamic state, or restoration of the Banten sultanate, would be applauded joyously regardless whether the insurrection followed according to the Islamic Law or took the zealous fanatical approach. However, an-Nawawī did not seek a political role nor did he counsel such to others, and would never serve the infidel government even as *penghulu* (chieftain) as what was done by his father and brother.²⁴

The next student of al-Falimbānī in Mecca was the Egyptian 'Uthmān b. Ḥasan ad-Dimyāṭī ash-Shāfi'ī al-Azharī al-Miṣrī al-Makkī.²⁵ He was born and raised in Dimyāt, Egypt in 1197/1782 where he studied with its scholars.²⁶ One of his closest students, the Shāfi'ī *mufīd* of Mecca, Aḥmad b. Zaynī Daḥlān (1231-1304/1815-86) regards him as "the seal of self-realized scholars and the gist of the pious who have attained their destination" (*khātimat al-'ulamā' al-muḥaqqiqīn wa-khulāṣat ahl Allāh al-wāṣilīn*). According to al-Kattānī, Daḥlān later compiles his teacher's biography in a separate work; however, he did not provide us with the title.²⁷

‘Uthmān ad-Dimyāṭī then moved to Cairo in 1212/1797 where he attended different circles held by leading scholars of al-Azhar at that time. It is important to observe his age when he moved to Cairo, as he was only fifteen at that time but was already equipped to pursue his advanced studies. In Cairo, he studied under a few notable teachers such as Muḥammad b. Aḥmad b. ‘Arafah ad-Dasūqī al-Ashmūnī (d. 1230/1815), Muḥammad al-Mahdī (d. 1230/1815), Aḥmad ad-Damanhuḡī, al-Bakhātī, Aḥmad aṭ-Taḡṭāwī (d. 1231/1816), Ḥasan b. Darwīsh al-Quwaysinī (d. 1254/1838), Muṣṭafā aṣ-Ṣafāwī al-Qal‘āwī ash-Shāfi‘ī (1158-1230/1745-1815), from whom he received *ḥadīth al-awwaliyyah*, Muḥammad b. ‘Alī b. Maṣṣūr ash-Shanawānī (d. 1233/1817), Muḥammad al-Amīr al-Kabīr (1154-1232/1741-1816) and the ‘Shaykh al-Islām’ of Egypt, ‘Abd Allāh b. Ḥijāzī b. Ibrāhīm ash-Sharqāwī (1150-1227/1737-1812).²⁸

The last three scholars, ash-Shanawānī, al-Amīr al-Kabīr and ash-Sharqāwī were students of prominent scholars of previous generations such as Muḥammad al-Ḥifnī, and on the other hand, were leading scholars of Egypt at the turn of the nineteenth century. Each of these three scholars authored the acclaimed *thabats*: al-Amīr al-Kabīr’s *Thabat al-Amīr*, ash-Shanawānī’s *ad-Durar as-Saniyyah* and ash-Sharqāwī’s *al-Jāmi‘ al-Ḥāwī*.²⁹ These three *thabats* became significant in authoritative transmissions of religious works and consequently most scholars of later generations mark them as referral points for their *isnāds*. According to al-Kattānī, ‘Uthmān ad-Dimyāṭī who also possessed a *thabat* relates that he transmitted Islamic religious sciences generally from these three scholars linking his authority through their acclaimed *thabats*.³⁰

It appears that after completing his education in Egypt, later in his life ‘Uthmān ad-Dimyāṭī migrated to Mecca or, in Aḥmad al-Ḥaḍrawī’s terms, he was *nazīl al-Ḥaram* where he was very active in learning and teaching.³¹ On the account of his migration, ‘Abd as-Sattār al-Bakrī reports that ad-Dimyāṭī travelled to Mecca in 1248/1832 after he received spiritual guidance in a dream. He adds that he was a fluent, eloquent and praiseworthy, leading, ascetic scholar and a *faqīh*, a *muḥaddith* and *mufasssīr* who was fond of solitude and avoided audience with the elite (*wa-kān faṣīḥan, balīghan, fādīlan, ra’īsan, zāhidan, faqīhan, muḥaddithan, mufasssiran, yuḥib al-‘uzlah wa-‘adam al-ijtimā‘ bi*

'*l-akābir*). 'Uthmān ad-Dimyāṭī died in Mecca in 1265/1848 and was interred at al-Ma'lā burial ground.³²

From the dates of his travels, it is highly plausible that ad-Dimyāṭī only met al-Falimbānī in Mecca after 1248/1832. Further accounts on his early scholarship apparently indicate that ad-Dimyāṭī did not travel outside Egypt prior to this date. For instance, on *al-musalsal bi 'l-qasam bi-Allāh al-'Azīm* or the successive chain of the *ḥadīth* narrated on swearing by the Divine name, he relates that he received this *ḥadīth* from his teacher 'Abd al-Mun'im b. Aḥmad al-'Imādī al-Azharī in Egypt on Dhū al-Qa'dah 1207/June 1793.³³ Apparently, he was only ten when he started his *ḥadīth* studies. Later on, in al-Azhar in 1215/1801, he received *al-ḥadīth al-musalsal bi-yawm al-'id* from al-Azharī.³⁴ 'Uthmān ad-Dimyāṭī also points out that he received *al-ḥadīth al-musalsal bi-qirā'at Sūrat al-Ṣaff* of the Qur'ān from 'Abd al-Mun'im al-Azharī, when he read him this chapter after the '*ishā*' (night) prayer at al-Azhar Mosque on 12 Jumādā al-Ūlā 1219/19 August 1804.³⁵

Among his leading students were the two successive Shāfi'ī *mufīīs* of Mecca who both died in Medina, his nephew Aḥmad ad-Dimyāṭī (d. 1270/1853), and Aḥmad Daḥlān (d. 1304/1886), Muḥammad b. Muḥammad al-Khānī ad-Dimashqī and Muḥammad b. Sulaymān Ḥasab Allāh (d. 1335/1916).³⁶ In addition, al-Fādānī furnished us with a list of students who studied with ad-Dimyāṭī including several *Jāwī* scholars. Among them, Sayyid 'Uthmān b. 'Abd Allāh b. 'Aqīl b. Yahyā al-'Alawī al-Batāwī (1237-1331/1822-1913),³⁷ an Arab scholar who was born and died in Batavia (now Jakarta) and became its *mufīī*, 'Abd al-Ḥamīd b. Zakariyyā al-Kuningānī al-Jākartāwī, Muḥammad Khalīl b. 'Abd al-Laṭīf al-Jāwī al-Bankalānī al-Mādūrī, Aḥmad b. 'Abd al-Laṭīf al-Khaṭīb al-Jāwī al-Minkābāwī (d. 1334/1916) and Zayn ad-Dīn b. Badawī al-Jāwī aṣ-Ṣūmbāwī.³⁸ However, upon examining evidence for these scholars, I am doubtful that some of them were indeed his students. For instance, according to his biographer, Aḥmad al-Khaṭīb al-Minkābāwī was born in Bukittinggi, West Sumatra in 1276/1860 and departed for Mecca at the age of eleven in 1287/1870.³⁹ Thus, it is hardly plausible that he was his student because at the time of ad-Dimyāṭī's death (1265/1848), al-Minkābāwī had not been born.

From ad-Dimyātī's *isnāds*, we can observe that among the subjects he studied with al-Falimbānī were *ḥadīth* such as Abū Dāwūd's *as-Sunan* and Ibn Mājah's *as-Sunan*; *fiqh* such as Abū Ishāq ash-Shīrāzī's (d. 476/1083) *al-Muḥadhdhab*; Arabic grammar such as al-Jurjānī's (d. 471/1078) *al-'Awāmil al-Mi'ah*, az-Zamakhsharī's (d. 538/1143) *Kitāb al-Mufaṣṣal*, 'Iṣām ad-Dīn al-Isfīrā'ī's (d. 943/1536) *Ḥāshiyat Sharḥ al-Jāmi' alā 'l-Kāfiyah*, al-Ḥaṭṭāb ar-Ru'aynī's (d. 954/1547) *Mutammimat al-Ājrumiyyah*, az-Zanjānī's (d. 655/1257) *at-Taṣrīf*, better known as *at-Taṣrīf al-'Izzī* and as-Suyūṭī's *al-Muḥḥir fī 'Ulūm al-Lughah wa-Anwā'ihā*; on *ṭabaqāt* he studied ash-Sha'rānī's *Ṭabaqāt aṣ-Ṣūfiyyah*, and finally, he received the authority to transmit the *fiqh* works of ash-Shāfi'ī School of Islamic jurisprudence (*sanad al-fiqh ash-Shāfi'ī*).⁴⁰

It is important to note the peculiarity of this *fiqh isnād* in that it includes leading scholars of the Shāfi'ī *madhhab* and renowned authors of Shāfi'ī *fiqh* books from recent to earlier times. Among them, 'Abd al-Ḥamīd ash-Shirwānī, Ibrāhīm al-Bājūrī, 'Abd Allāh ash-Sharqāwī, Muḥammad al-Ḥifnī, 'Abd Allāh al-Baṣrī, Aḥmad an-Nakhlī, 'Abd al-'Azīz az-Zamzamī, Muḥammad b. 'Alā' ad-Dīn al-Bābilī, Ibn Ḥajar al-Haytamī, Shihāb ad-Dīn ar-Ramlī, al-Khaṭīb ash-Sharbīnī, 'Shaykh al-Islām' Zakariyyā al-Anṣārī, Jalāl ad-Dīn al-Maḥallī, Ibn Ḥajar al-'Asqalānī, 'Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Bulqīnī, Zayn ad-Dīn al-'Irāqī, 'Imām al-Madhab' an-Nawawī, Abū 'Amr Ibn aṣ-Ṣalāḥ, 'Ḥujjat al-Islām' al-Ghazālī, Abū Ishāq ash-Shīrāzī, Abū Ishāq al-Marwazī, Ismā'il al-Muzanī and finally Imām ash-Shāfi'ī. From the latter, it continues to include Imām Mālik, Rabi'ah, Nāfi' and the two companions Anas ^{raḍiyallāhu 'anhu} and Ibn 'Umar ^{raḍiyallāhu 'anhu} who received their instructions from the Prophet SAW.

It is also important to highlight that in this *isnād*, ad-Dimyātī relates that he "studied the Shāfi'ī *fiqh* books with 'Abd Allāh ash-Sharqāwī and Muḥammad ash-Shanawānī in Egypt, and with al-Falimbānī in Mecca" (*arwīhi 'an 'Abd Allāh ash-Sharqāwī wa Muḥammad ash-Shanawānī bi-Miṣr, wa-'an 'l-mu'ammār 'Abd aṣ-Ṣamad b. 'Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Falimbānī bi-Makkah*).⁴¹ In addition, it is worth noting that from ad-Dimyātī's *isnāds*, most of the books that he read with al-Falimbānī apart from *fiqh* were on grammar. This perhaps supports the conclusion that al-Falimbānī also mastered the grammar or Arabic language and that he was equally competent to teach it to his Arab students.

The next from the list of al-Falimbānī's students is 'Abd al-Ghanī b. Ṣubḥ b. Ismā'īl al-Jāwī al-Bīmāwī, mentioned earlier as a teacher of Nawawī al-Bantānī.⁴² All biographers of 'Abd al-Ghanī al-Bīmāwī agree that he was born in the Archipelago and later travelled to *al-Ḥaramayn* to advance his studies, though no dates are provided.

In Mecca, he studied with learned noble scholars (*al-'ulamā' al-afāḍil*) such as Sayyid Muḥammad (d. 1261/1845) and Sayyid Aḥmad (1205-81/1790-1864), the author of *Manẓūmat 'Aqīdat al-'Awām*, sons of Ramaḍān b. Maṣṣūr al-Marzūqī, Muḥammad Sa'īd al-Qudṣī (d. 1260/1844), the Shāfi'ī *mufī* of Mecca and 'Uthmān b. Ḥasan ad-Dimyāṭī. After completing his studies, he was granted the license to teach in al-Ḥarām Mosque that most *Jāwī 'ulamā'* of later generations graduated under him (*takharraja 'alayhi akthar 'ulamā' al-Jāwā*).⁴³

Among al-Bīmāwī's students were, 'Abd al-Ḥamīd b. Muḥammad 'Alī al-Jāwī Quds (d. 1334/1915),⁴⁴ Muḥammad b. Rashīd al-Jāwī aṣ-Ṣūmbāwī, Maḥfūz b. 'Abd Allāh al-Jāwī at-Tarmasī (d. 1338/1920), Muḥammad b. 'Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Marzūqī (d. 1365/1945), better known as Abū Ḥusayn, Aḥmad b. 'Abd Allāh al-Mukhallalātī an Egyptian (d. 1362/1943), and Khalīfah b. Ḥamd an-Nabhānī (d. 1320/1902).⁴⁵ In addition, 'Abd as-Sattār al-Bakrī also included another renowned *Jāwī* scholar who was the Qādiriyyah *Ṣūfi* shaykh among his students. He is Aḥmad b. 'Abd al-Ghaflār b. 'Abd Allāh al-Jāwī as-Sambasī (1217-89/1802-72) better known as Aḥmad Khaṭīb Sambas, who migrated to Mecca at the age of nineteen in 1236/1820. It is worth noting that Khaṭīb Sambas also studied with earlier generations of Meccan professors such as the already mentioned Muḥammad Ṣāliḥ ar-Ra'īs az-Zamzamī, 'Umar 'Abd ar-Rasūl al-'Aṭṭār and 'Abd al-Ḥāfiẓ al-'Ujaymī and later generations, including 'Uthmān ad-Dimyāṭī and Sayyid Aḥmad al-Marzūqī.⁴⁶ Perhaps, it is Aḥmad Khaṭīb Sambas who was intended by al-Fādānī earlier when he mistakenly listed Aḥmad al-Khaṭīb al-Minkābāwī as ad-Dimyāṭī's student, as both carry the same name and appellation. In addition, Khaṭīb Sambas period of study in Mecca coincided with that of ad-Dimyāṭī, therefore, it can be expected that he met and studied with him.

His biographer, 'Abd Allāh Mirdād (1285-1343/1868-1924) reported that al-Bīmāwī died in Mecca around 1270/1853 and was

buried at the Ma'lā cemetery. By contrast, Mamdūh tells us that al-Bīmāwī died in 1320/1902.⁴⁷ However, this is hardly plausible as Snouck Hurgronje relates that 'Abd al-Ghanī al-Bīmāwī was among scholars of the previous generation that had departed before he arrived in Mecca (1884-85).⁴⁸ Though al-Bīmāwī's year of birth is unknown, from his *isnāds*, he was reported to have been a *mu'ammār* (long-lived) who survived over a hundred years.⁴⁹ Thus, by calculating backwards, we can deduce that he must have been born around the mid of the eighteenth century approximately in 1170/1756, hence, very plausible to have been a student of al-Falimbānī.

Among the books that al-Bīmāwī read with al-Falimbānī were, *Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim* and al-'Ajlūnī's *Tqd al-Jawhar ath-Thamīn*, on *ḥadīth*, Bā-Faḍl's *al-Muqaddimah al-Ḥaḍramiyyah* on *fiqh*. On Arabic grammar, he read the work of the celebrated grammarian, Sībawayh's (d. 180/796) *Kitāb Sībawayh* and Ibn 'Aqīl's (d. 769/1367) commentary on the acclaimed *al-Alfiyyah* of Ibn Mālik (d. 672/1273).⁵⁰ Perhaps, further details of his teachers and the subjects he studied with them can be found in his *thabat* entitled *al-Ḥāwī fī Asānīd al-Bīmāwī*.⁵¹ However, unfortunately, even after extensive search, I find no manuscript or printed edition of this work.

Rather special amongst al-Falimbānī's students was his own daughter, Fāṭimah bint 'Abd aṣ-Ṣamad al-Falimbāniyyah.⁵² Unfortunately, I have not been able to find any account of her life from our numerous Arabic biographical dictionaries. Nevertheless, by analysing her scholarly connections, it is apparent that she was one of the active scholars of the period, at least among the *Jāwīs*. She studied mostly with her father and became primarily acquainted with *ḥadīth* study and was given the honorific title 'ash-Shaykhah al-Musnidah.' This appellation perhaps finds support in Fāṭimah al-Falimbāniyyah's own *thabat*, entitled *al-Fahāris al-Qā'imah fī Asānīd Fāṭimah*.⁵³ According to Mamdūh, the *al-Fahāris al-Qā'imah* was dictated by al-Falimbāniyyah in Mecca to one of her closest students, Muḥammad Arshad b. As'ad al-Bantanī a.k.a. Arshad aṭ-Ṭawīl (literarily, the tall Arshad).⁵⁴

Arshad aṭ-Ṭawīl was born in Manis, Banten on 18 Dhū al-Qa'dah 1255/22 January 1840. Upon his father's request, at the age of eight he was brought to *al-Ḥaramayn* in 1263/1846 to live with him in Mecca. On

his arrival, under the guidance of his father, he received the *ijāzah* from 'Uthmān ad-Dimyātī, the aforementioned student of al-Falimbānī. Arshad at-Ṭawīl also studied with Nawawī al-Bantanī, the already mentioned student of al-Falimbānī and as we shall see shortly, was a student of his daughter Fāṭimah.⁵⁵

On his return to Banten in 1311/1893, accused of his involvement in the political unrest, Arshad was detained by the Dutch and exiled to Manado, Makassar. He attempted in vain to return to Mecca and Banten and later died in exile on the 4 Dhū al-Ḥijjah 1353/10 March 1935 at the age of ninety-eight. Arshad at-Ṭawīl is reported to have compiled a list of his teachers in his *thabat* entitled *ath-Thabat al-Kabīr* and because of his *al-isnād al-ālī* and his prolonged life, later generations who were heedful of the nature of his extremely high narration (*riwāyatuhu 'āliyah jiddan*) flocked to study with him.⁵⁶

Apart from Arshad at-Ṭawīl, al-Falimbāniyyah students also included Nawawī al-Bantanī who read with her *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī*, Aḥmad ad-Dimyātī the aforementioned Shāfi'ī *muftī* in Mecca, Muḥammad Nūr b. Ismā'īl al-Minkābāwī and Muḥammad Azharī b. 'Abd Allāh al-Jāwī al-Falimbānī, the author of *Badī' az-Zamān fī Bayān 'Aqā'id 'l-Īmān*.⁵⁷ The latter read with her two works of Arabic grammar, Ibn Hishām's (d. 761/1359) *Awḍaḥ al-Masālik ilā Alfīyyah Ibn Mālik*, better known as *at-Tawḍīḥ* and *Mughnī al-Labīb 'an Kutub al-A'ārīb*.⁵⁸ Fāṭimah al-Falimbāniyyah in turn studied all these works with her father al-Falimbānī.

The next student of al-Falimbānī, 'Abd al-Mannān b. 'Abd Allāh b. Aḥmad al-Jāwī at-Tarmasī (d. 1278/1862),⁵⁹ was the grandfather of Muḥammad Maḥfūz b. 'Abd Allāh at-Tarmasī (1285-1338/1868-1920). Maḥfūz at-Tarmasī himself was a noted *Jāwī* scholar of a later period, especially in *fiqh* and *ḥadīth* that al-Fādānī describes him as *'al-muḥaddith al-musnid al-faqīh*.⁶⁰ Maḥfūz at-Tarmasī's list of teachers and the works that he read with them are listed in his acclaimed *thabat* entitled *Kifāyat al-Mustafīd*.⁶¹

Though no biographical notice of 'Abd al-Mannān is available from our Arabic biographical dictionaries, his *isnād* shows that he was a noted scholar who formed part of the scholarly networks and played an important role in transmitting the Islamic traditions to later generations.

One of his closest students was his son, 'Abd Allāh at-Tarmasī (d. 1314/1896) who in turn was a teacher and a prop ('*umdaḥ*) to his son, Maḥfūz at-Tarmasī. Thus, one can see through 'Abd al-Mannān that the teachings of al-Falimbānī is handed down further to later generations.

'Abd al-Mannān at-Tarmasī studied with al-Falimbānī *ḥadīth* books such as *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī*, ad-Dārquṭnī's (d. 385/995) *Sunan*, an-Nawawī's *al-Arba'ūn* and *Riyāḍ aṣ-Ṣāliḥīn*. On *tafsīr* he studied al-Bayḍāwī's (d. 685/1286) *Anwār at-Tanzīl*, better known as *Tafsīr al-Bayḍāwī*; on *fiqh*, ash-Sharbīnī's (d. 977/1569) *Mughnī al-Muḥtāj Sharḥ al-Minhāj*; on *balāḡah* (rhetoric) he studied at-Taftāzānī's (d. 791/1388) *Mukhtaṣar al-Ma'ānī 'alā Talkhīṣ al-Miftāḥ* and *al-Muṭawwal fī Sharḥ Talkhīṣ al-Miftāḥ*. However, by looking at the number of books he studied with al-Falimbānī, it is probable that at-Tarmasī only met him in the last years of his life.

In addition to studying with al-Falimbānī, 'Abd al-Mannān at-Tarmasī also studied *fiqh* with Sayyid Muḥammad b. Maḥmūd Shaṭā ad-Dimyātī al-Makkī (d. 1266/1849) and the 'Shaykh al-Azhar' Ibrāhīm b. Muḥammad al-Bājūrī (1198-1277/1783-1860).⁶² Both in turn were students of earlier generations of leading Egyptian scholars such as 'Abd Allāh ash-Sharqāwī and al-Amīr al-Kabīr.

Another student of al-Falimbānī was Ṣāliḥ b. 'Umar as-Samārānī (1235-1321/1820-1903),⁶³ who among younger *Jāwī* '*ulamā*', was given the sobriquet of *al-Ghazālī aṣ-Ṣaghīr* (the little or young al-Ghazālī).⁶⁴ However, in the Malay Archipelago he is better known as Ṣāliḥ Darat. He was born in Jepara, in the province of Central Java, Indonesia where he was raised by his father 'Umar who was a religious scholar. According to local oral tradition, 'Umar was one of the '*ulamā*' who supported the Javanese Prince Diponegoro in his uprising against the Dutch colonial rule. Diponegoro played an important role in the Java War (1825-30). However, he was defeated in 1830 and the Dutch exiled him to Makassar.⁶⁵

After Diponegoro's defeat, 'Umar took his son Ṣāliḥ to Singapore, thence Mecca, where Ṣāliḥ stayed several years studying. He was called back to Java by Murtadlo (Murtaḍā), a companion of his father in the Diponegoro rebellion, who made him his son-in-law. Ṣāliḥ as-Samārānī was renowned for his anti-Dutch attitude, taught his students to avoid

the Dutch as much as possible, and warned against imitating their ways. He established a *pesantren* in Darat, a mostly Arab-inhabited neighbourhood of Semarang, where he was to spend the rest of his life. He died in Semarang, Central Java on Friday, 28 Ramaḍān 1321/18 December 1903.⁶⁶

Ṣāliḥ as-Samārānī had numerous disciples, some of whom became the leading '*ulamā*' of the turn of the century. Among them were his son 'Umar as-Samārānī, a *faqīh* and *muḥaddith*, and the aforementioned Muḥammad Maḥfūz at-Tarmasī, who studied with him among others, *Tafsīr al-Jalālayn*, ash-Sharqāwī's commentary on *al-Ḥikam*, *Wasīlat at-Tullāb* [*li-Ma'rīfat A'māl al-Layl wa 'n-Nahār bi-Tarīq al-Ḥisāb*], and al-Māradīnī's (d. 804/1401) commentary on *ar-Rubu' al-Mujayyab*, both works on '*ilm al-falak* (astronomy).⁶⁷

It is not exactly known when Ṣāliḥ as-Samārānī met al-Falimbānī, but from the report of his travel to Mecca at a very young age, it is almost certain that he must have met him after 1245/1830. Among the works he studied with al-Falimbānī were *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī*, Ibn Taymiyyah's (d. 653/1255) *Muntaqā al-Akḥbār*, ash-Shāfi'ī (d. 204/820) *al-Umm*, ar-Rāfi'ī's (d. 623/1226) *Fath al-'Azīz Sharḥ al-Wajīz*, an-Nawawī's *al-Minhāj*, *al-Majmū' Sharḥ al-Muḥadḥḥab*, and *al-Īḍāḥ* [*fī Manāsik al-Ḥajj wa 'l-'Umrah*], al-Isfīrā'inī's (d. 943/1536) *al-Aṭwal Sharḥ Talkhīṣ Miftāḥ al-'Ulūm* and *Sharḥ al-Istī'ārāt*, al-Ḥimsī's (d. 1061/1650) *Ḥāshiyah Sharḥ al-Fākihī 'alā 'l-Qaṭr*, Badr ad-Dīn al-'Aynī's (d. 855/1451) two commentaries on *ash-Shawāhid*, ash-Suhrawardī's (d. 632/1234) '*Awārif al-Ma'ārif*', Taqī ad-Dīn al-Fāsī's (d. 832/1429) *Tawārīkh Makkah*, *Shifā' al-Gharām bi-Akḥbār al-Balad al-Ḥaram*, and *al-'Iqd ath-Thamīn fī Tārīkh al-Balad al-Amīn*, and Tāj ad-Dīn Ibn as-Subkī's (d. 771/1370) *Ṭabaqāt ash-Shāfi'iyyah*. In turn, he teaches all these works to his son 'Umar.⁶⁸

It is also important to emphasise that al-Falimbānī did not just attract students of his younger compatriots, but also his own generation. According to al-Fādānī's *isnāds*, his contemporary, Arshad b. 'Abd Allāh b. 'Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Banjārī al-Martapurī (1122-1227/1710-1812)⁶⁹ also studied numerous works with him.⁷⁰ Arshad al-Banjārī himself is certainly one of the important *Jāwī* scholars in the twelfth century A.H./eighteenth century A.D. who achieved local fame throughout the Malay

Archipelago. He is chiefly known for his acclaimed *fiqh* work entitled *Sabīl al-Muhtadīn li 't-Taḥqīq fī Amr ad-Dīn*.

Apparently, al-Banjārī studied various Islamic disciplines, reading numerous books with al-Falimbānī. These include works on *ḥadīth*, such as *Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim*; on *tafsīr*, such as Abū al-Barakāt an-Nasafī's (d. 710/1310) *Madārik at-Tanzīl* and Ibn Kathīr's *Tafsīr al-Qur'ān al-'Aẓīm*; on *tawḥīd*, such as aṭ-Ṭaḥāwī's *al-'Aqīdah aṭ-Ṭaḥāwīyyah*; on 'ulūm al-Qur'ān, such as az-Zarkashī's *al-Burhān fī 'Ulūm al-Qur'ān*; on 'ulūm al-ḥadīth, such as an-Nawawī's *at-Taqrīb wa 't-Taysīr* and Ibn Ḥajar al-'Asqalānī's *Nukhbat al-Fikr* and its commentary entitled *Nuzhat an-Nazar Sharḥ an-Nukhbat*; on *uṣūl al-fiqh*, he studied ash-Shīrāzī's (d. 476/1083) *al-Luma'* and Imām al-Ḥaramayn al-Juwaynī's (d. 478/1085) *al-Waraqāt*; on *fiqh*, he studied al-Ghazālī's *al-Wajīz*, an-Nawawī's *al-Minhāj*, *al-Majmū' Sharḥ al-Muhadhdhab*, and *al-Īdāh*, Zakariyyā al-Anṣārī's (d. 926/1520) *at-Taḥrīr*, *Manhaj aṭ-Ṭullāb*, *Asnā al-Maṭālib fī Sharḥ Rawḍ aṭ-Ṭālib* and *al-Ghurar al-Baḥiyyah fī Sharḥ Manẓūmat al-Bahjah*, al-Qalyūbī's (d. 1069/1658) *Ḥāshiyah Sharḥ al-Maḥallī 'alā 'l-Minhāj*; on Arabic, he read Ibn Hishām's *Awḍaḥ al-Masālik* and *Mughnī al-Labīb*, Yāsīn al-Ḥimṣī's (d. 1061/1650) *Ḥāshiyah aṭ-Ṭaṣrīḥ 'alā 't-Tawḍīḥ*, al-Ashmūnī's (d. 929/1522) *Sharḥ al-Ashmūnī 'alā Alfīyyah Ibn Mālik*, Ibn Ājrum aṣ-Ṣanhājī's (d. 723/1323) *al-Ājrumiyyah* and al-Fayrūzābādī's (d. 818/1415) *al-Qāmūs*; on biography, studied Ibn al-Farrā's (d. 458/1065) *Ṭabaqāt al-Ḥanābilah*.⁷¹

Thus, these lists also indicate al-Falimbānī's prominent position as a scholar of great importance in transmitting the religious sciences to his compatriots and his influence to both his students and contemporaries. In addition to studying with al-Falimbānī, al-Banjārī participated in attending his teachers' teaching sessions. For instance, al-Banjārī follows him studying with some of his earlier mentioned teachers, such as Sālim b. 'Abd Allāh al-Baṣrī and Murtaḍā az-Zabīdī.⁷² Furthermore, al-Banjārī also studied with al-Falimbānī's student, 'Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Ahdal.⁷³ It is important to note that al-Ahdal, born in 1179/1766 was a much younger contemporary of al-Banjārī. However, as we shall see shortly, al-Ahdal became a prominent Zabīd scholar at a very young age and that students flocked to study with him.

As already mentioned, unlike later *Jāwī* scholars, biographical notices of al-Falimbānī's *Jāwī* contemporaries are extremely rare in Arabic biographical dictionaries. However, occasionally their life report is incidentally mentioned in biographical notices of later generations. For instance, on the biography of 'Alī b. 'Abd Allāh b. Maḥmūd b. Muḥammad Arshad b. 'Abd Allāh al-Banjārī (1285-1370/1868-1951), Mamdūh points out that he was the great grandson of Arshad al-Banjārī. He tells us that the latter came from Borneo and dwelled in the vicinity of Mecca in 1191/1777 after his extensive travels to Egypt, Yemen and others. He was survived by his numerous progenies who were renowned for their 'ilm, uprightness (*ṣalāḥ*) and etiquette (*ādāb*) and among them, 'Alī al-Banjārī.⁷⁴

Apparently, Arshad al-Banjārī also studied in Medina with 'Abd al-Karīm as-Sammān as he himself, like al-Falimbānī, was also appointed as his *khalīfah* for the Sammāniyyah *Ṣūfī* Order. He later promulgated the Sammāniyyah Order in his hometown and was an important transmitting agent who popularized the Order in Banjar.⁷⁵

At this point, it is important to point out that according to al-Fādānī, Nawawī al-Bantanī also studied with Arshad al-Banjārī as well as his son, Yūsuf al-Banjārī. However, based on my investigation, it is hardly plausible that al-Bantanī did study with him because at the time of Arshad al-Banjārī's death (1227/1812), he had not yet been born (1230/1814). Nevertheless, perhaps the name of Yūsuf al-Banjārī was erroneously removed from the *isnād* and made it appear that an-Nawawī studied directly with Arshad al-Banjārī.⁷⁶

Another close student of 'Abd aṣ-Ṣamad al-Falimbānī was Maḥmūd b. Kinān b. Maḥmūd al-Falimbānī.⁷⁷ According to al-Fādānī, he was *mua'mmar* (long lived) who survived more than ninety years and was a jurist and a religious person (*al-faqīh al-'ābid*).⁷⁸

Though I have not found any biographical sources that can tell us about his life, the fact that numerous *isnāds* include him as a student of al-Falimbānī show us that he was one of his closest students. Perhaps Maḥmūd was even closer to al-Falimbānī than the earlier mentioned Nawawī al-Bantanī himself. This is because apart from studying with al-Falimbānī, Maḥmūd also studied directly with some of his teachers who include Murtaḍā az-Zabīdī, 'Abd ar-Raḥmān b. Muṣṭafā al-'Aydārūs,

Amr Allāh b. 'Abd al-Khāliq al-Mizjājī, 'Alī b. 'Abd al-Barr al-Wanā'ī, Muḥammad al-Kuzbarī and Muḥammad b. Sālīm as-Saflārīnī.⁷⁹ In turn, al-Bantanī included Maḥmūd among the *Jawī* teachers with whom he studied.⁸⁰

It is important to point out that Maḥmūd also studied with younger contemporaries of al-Falimbānī such as his Yemenī student, 'Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Ahdal, al-Ahdal's student, Muḥammad 'Ābid as-Sindī, Šāliḥ al-Fullānī, Muḥammad al-Fuḍālī (d. 1236/1820), 'Abd Allāh ash-Sharqāwī and Ibrāhīm al-Bājūrī.⁸¹ Further analysing al-Falimbānī's scholarly links with these scholars by tracing their dates of birth, it is clear that they were his younger contemporaries. In fact, if they were to be placed accordingly within the context of their age group, all of them were appropriately positioned as the generation of al-Falimbānī's students. Moreover, since Maḥmūd studied with them as well as with al-Falimbānī and some of his later teachers, he must have been his younger contemporary.

In addition, as already mentioned in passing, Maḥmūd also studied with the ruler of Palembang, as-Sulṭān aṣ-Šāliḥ Badr ad-Dīn Maḥmūd b. as-Sulṭān Maṣṣūr b. as-Sulṭān 'Abd ar-Raḥmān, who in turn studied with his Qāḍī, known as *Shaykh al-Islām Qāḍī as-Salṭanah* Sayyid 'Abd ar-Raḥmān b. al-Ḥusayn b. al-Ḥasan b. 'Alawī b. Aḥmad al-'Aydarūs al-Falimbānī. Al-'Aydarūs in turn studied in Mecca with 'Abd ar-Raḥmān b. Jād Allāh al-Bannānī al-Maghribī (d. 1198/1784), who was a student of Aḥmad b. 'Abd al-Fattāḥ al-Mullawī; an Egyptian teacher of 'Abd aṣ-Šamad al-Falimbānī.⁸² It appears that Maḥmūd's father, to some degree, was a religious teacher. According to al-Fādānī, he studied the *Sunan at-Tirmidhī* with his father, Abū al-Azhār Tāj al-Umanā' Shaykh Kinān b. Maḥmūd al-Falimbānī, who in turn studied with Šāliḥ, who in turn studied with his brother, 'Āqib b. Ḥasan ad-Dīn al-Falimbānī.⁸³ Looking at this *isnād*, it is again evident that Maḥmūd was a younger contemporary to 'Abd aṣ-Šamad himself since 'Āqib was his direct teacher.

It is clear that Maḥmūd later became a transmitter of the teachings of 'Abd aṣ-Šamad al-Falimbānī as he teaches them to his students. Among his students other than Nawawī al-Bantanī, were his son 'Abd al-Ḥamīd al-Falimbānī, Khalīl b. 'Abd al-Laṭīf al-Bankalānī al-Madūrī and 'Abd al-Khāliq b. Zayn ad-Dīn al-Faṭānī.⁸⁴ It is worth noting that the latter's

father, Zayn ad-Dīn b. 'Abd ar-Raḥīm b. 'Abd al-Laṭīf al-Faṭānī was a student of Murtaḍā az-Zabīdī and Dāwūd al-Faṭānī.⁸⁵ Not only was Maḥmūd a transmitter for various religious Islamic sciences to the next generations, he played a crucial role in disseminating the Khalwatiyyah Sammāniyyah *Ṣūfī* Order further in the Archipelago. As indicated in the previous chapter, according to the *silsilah* recorded in a manuscript copy of *al-'Urwat al-Wuthqā*, Maḥmūd received his membership to this Order from 'Abd aṣ-Ṣamad al-Falimbānī, and he in turn initiated his student, Sulaymān of Lambirah, Aceh into this Order.⁸⁶ Thus, it is clear that al-Falimbānī's teachings and his influence, especially in *Ṣūfism* were handed down from generations to generations through his students.

Another Arab scholar included among al-Falimbānī's student is Sayyid Jarjis Afandī b. Aḥmad Darwīsh al-Kāzimī al-Mawṣilī (from Mosul, Iraq).⁸⁷ My research on Jarjis Afandī in several biographical dictionaries of the period leads to three scholars having the same name; Jarjis al-Mawṣilī, a poet who died in Mosul in 1140 or 1141/1727 or 1728,⁸⁸ Jarjis al-Irbilī, who was reported to have been alive in 1178/1764,⁸⁹ and Jarjis al-Jawharī al-Qibṭī known as Jarjis Afandī who died in Egypt in 1225/1810.⁹⁰ However, from the period he lived, the first Jarjis al-Mawṣilī could not possibly be al-Falimbānī's students as his time was too early. And unfortunately, all biographers in their short biographical notice of the other two remaining scholars, Jarjis al-Irbilī and Jarjis Afandī, do not provide us with any information on their teachers or students that may assist us to examine their scholarly links in that period and establish possible connection with al-Falimbānī.

Conversely, further analysing several *isnāds* of Jarjis al-Mawṣilī, none of the above aforementioned three scholars suit his sketch. Moreover, both al-Fādānī and his student Mukhtār al-Falimbānī indicated that Sayyid Jarjis al-Mawṣilī died in 1197/1782, and unlike the latter, I noticed that none of the previous mentioned scholars was of a Sayyid descendant.⁹¹ According to al-Fādānī, Jarjis al-Mawṣilī recorded a list of his teachers in his *thabat* entitled *Zahr an-Narjis fī Thabat al-'Allāmah Jarjis*. Among them, Muḥammad b. Sulaymān al-Kurdī al-Madanī, Muḥammad b. 'Abd al-Karīm as-Sammān, 'Alī b. 'Abd al-Barr al-Wanā'ī, 'Abd al-Khālīq b. Zayn al-Mizjājī, Sulaymān b. Yaḥyā al-Ahdal az-Zabīdī, Ḥāmid b. 'Umar al-Manfar at-Tarīmī (d. 1209/1794), and two *Jāwī* scholars,

‘Āqib b. Ḥasan ad-Dīn al-Falimbānī *nazīl* Medina, and ‘Abd aṣ-Ṣamad b. ‘Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Falimbānī *nazīl* Mecca.⁹² Unfortunately, I have not been able to locate the *Zahr an-Narjis* and even al-Kattānī has not mentioned this work in his *Fahras al-Fahāris*. Perhaps, we could find further information on *Jāwī* scholars during that time from this work. In addition, Jarjis al-Mawṣilī also studied Ibn Ḥajar al-Haytamī’s *at-Ta’arruf ilā ‘Ilmay al-Uṣūl wa ‘t-Taṣrīf* and Bā-Faḍl’s *al-Muqaddimah al-Ḥaḍramiyyah* with Yūsuf b. Muḥammad b. ‘Alā’ ad-Dīn al-Mizjājī (1140-1213/1727-98).⁹³ Thus, by looking at all the above scholars who were mainly al-Falimbānī’s teachers and peers, Jarjis al-Mawṣilī must have been his contemporary.

In addition, Jarjis al-Mawṣilī close relations with the *Jāwī* scholars can perhaps be deduced from one of his *isnād*. His son Sayyid Khiḍr Afandī al-Mawṣilī, a *muḥaddith* who studied directly with him was reported to have migrated to, and died in Batavia.⁹⁴ It is perhaps from his acquaintance with the *Jāwī* scholars and community in *al-Ḥaramayn* that later facilitate the migration of his son to the Archipelago. It is worth noting that his grandson, Sayyid ‘Abd al-Ma’būd Afandī al-Mawṣilī who received his teachings from Khiḍr al-Mawṣilī, also form part of the scholarly networks transmitting the Islamic knowledge further to later generations.⁹⁵

As I had shown earlier, because of his highly revered status as a profound scholar of various Islamic disciplines, al-Falimbānī attracted both Arab students and his compatriots to study with him, to an extent that even his peer, Arshad al-Banjārī, studied with him. Thus, it is more than plausible to consider that most of his younger *Jāwī* contemporaries, if not all, must have studied with him or at least attended his teaching sessions.

On further examining the period during which al-Falimbānī lived, there were several younger *Jāwī* students who at the turn of the nineteenth century became prominent scholars, at least among the *Jāwīs*. Among them, were Nafīs al-Banjārī and Dāwūd al-Faṭānī, who was perhaps the most widely renowned *Jāwī* ‘*ulamā*’ in the Archipelago because of his prolific writings.

In his *ad-Durr an-Nafīs fī Bayān Waḥdat al-Af’āl wa ‘l-Asmā’ wa ‘ṣ-Ṣifāt wa ‘dh-Dhāt, Dhāt at-Taqdīs*, Nafīs al-Banjārī (1148-1245/1735-

1829)⁹⁶ provides us with a rather detailed depiction of himself. He says, "the author and compiler of this epistle [the *ad-Durr an-Nafīs*] ... Muḥammad Nafīs b. Idrīs b. al-Ḥusayn al-Banjārī *mansha'an* [by origin or birth] al-Makkī *maskanan* [by domicile] ash-Shāfi'ī *madhhaban* [by doctrine] al-Ash'arī *i'tiqādan* [by dogma] al-Junaydī *imāman*, al-Qādirī *tarīqatan*, ash-Shaṭārī *libāsan*, an-Naqshabandī *'amalan*, al-Khalwatī *ma'aman*, wa 's-Sammānī *mashraban* [express that he was an adherent to all these five *Ṣūfī* Orders]."⁹⁷

Contemporary studies are in agreement that Nafīs al-Banjārī was a friend and colleague of 'Abd aṣ-Ṣamad al-Falimbānī, however, this research suggests that he was most likely his student as well.⁹⁸ Nafīs al-Banjārī relates that he completed his *ad-Durr an-Nafīs* in Mecca on the '*ishā*' of Wednesday, 27 Muḥarram 1200/30 November 1785.⁹⁹ Although the discussion of al-Falimbānī's works follows shortly in the next chapter, at this stage it is important to highlight that his active literary life extended from 1178/1764 to 1203/1788. Thus, by the time al-Falimbānī was about to conclude his literary output, al-Banjārī, to the contrary, had just begun, two decades after al-Falimbānī started his. This evidence alone indicates that Nafīs al-Banjārī was a much younger contemporary of al-Falimbānī. One can conclude that he was most likely part of the same circle, and as we shall see, had studied with a number of al-Falimbānī's peers.

In his *ad-Durr an-Nafīs*, Nafīs al-Banjārī records several teachers he had studied with such as 'Abd Allāh b. Ḥijāzī ash-Sharqāwī al-Miṣrī, Yūsuf Abū Dhurrah Arzī al-Miṣrī, Ṣiddīq b. 'Umar Khān al-Madanī, 'Abd ar-Raḥmān b. 'Abd al-'Azīz al-Maghribī al-'Umarī, and Muḥammad b. Aḥmad al-Jawharī, whose lecture he attended at al-Ḥarām Mosque, Mecca in 1201/1786.¹⁰⁰ On one occasion, he refers to a Pattani shaykh as 'Shaykh Qutb ad-Dīn' (religious pole) which, in my opinion, refers to Dāwūd al-Faṭānī, although more research needs to be done to accurately verify this attribution.

Analyzing the names of his teachers above, we can see that he did not meet and study directly with Muḥammad b. 'Abd al-Karīm as-Sammān, as he first studied under a number of his senior students and secondly, he addresses him as his teachers' teacher (*shaykh shuyūkhinā*).¹⁰¹ Furthermore, the teachers Nafīs al-Banjārī listed in his works suggest that

he only studied with scholars who are from al-Falimbānī's generation or later.

The next *Jāwī* scholar mentioned above was Dāwūd b. 'Abd Allāh b. Idrīs al-Faṭānī (1176-1263/1763-1846).¹⁰² His early life and movements are difficult to trace, as was the case of al-Falimbānī himself. The works of Shaghīr Abdullah attempt to illuminate this aspect of his life. However, as previously discussed, his study suffers from a number of inconsistencies.¹⁰³ Some of these will be discussed below. According to Matheson and Hooker, his education followed a similar pattern as did other *Jāwī* scholars of the period, beginning most likely at home before progressing to local centres of Islamic learning in the Malay Archipelago. It is highly likely that Dāwūd al-Faṭānī was taught by 'ulamā' from al-Ḥaramayn or Yemen while he was still in Pattani.¹⁰⁴ His earliest dated work, *Īdāḥ al-Bāb li-Murīd an-Nikāh bi 'ṣ-Ṣawāb* was completed in Mecca on Monday, 9 Rabī' al-Awwal 1224/24 April 1809 and his latest, *al-Bahjat al-Marḍiyyah fī 'Udhri Takhalluf al-Ma'mūm 'an 'l-Imām Thalāth Arkān Ṭawīlah*, also in Mecca on Tuesday, 14 Shawwāl 1259/7 November 1843.¹⁰⁵

Pattani, located on the Malay Peninsula, with the coast of the Gulf of Thailand in the north, was an independent Malay Muslim sultanate ruling a large portion of the surrounding region until the sixteenth century when it became a vassal state of Siam (now Thailand). Following the rebellions within Pattani against Siamese rule in 1791 and 1808, Pattani was divided into seven largely autonomous states: Pattani, Nongchik, Saiburi (Teluban), Yala (Jala), Yaring (Jambu), Ra-ngae (Legeh) and Reman; all were ruled by the King of Ligor.¹⁰⁶

Dāwūd al-Faṭānī must have left Pattani for Mecca in the late eighteenth century, a time of upheaval when the Siamese Empire was responding harshly to rebellions instigated by the Malays in the south. In Mecca, he would have become part of the *Jāwī* student community who had come to seek 'ilm from the great 'ulamā' of that time. One such 'ālim was 'Abd aṣ-Ṣamad al-Falimbānī himself. As we will see later, from his work *Sayr as-Sālikīn*, it is evident that al-Falimbānī was already engaged in teaching before the latter part of the eighteenth century, as in this work he lists numerous *Ṣūfī* writings suitable for students, structuring them to match their varied abilities. Therefore, it is highly likely that Dāwūd

al-Faṭānī would have attended the teaching sessions of this famous *Jāwī* 'ālim, particularly when we observe Snouck Hurgronje's comment that the *Jāwī* students preferred to study with their own compatriots, at least during the initial establishment in *al-Haramayn*.¹⁰⁷

According to al-Fādānī, Dāwūd al-Faṭānī was a student of Sulaymān al-Ahdal (1137-97/1724-82), a contemporary of al-Falimbānī; his father Yaḥyā and his son 'Abd ar-Raḥmān, were both teacher and student of al-Falimbānī respectively.¹⁰⁸ If Dāwūd al-Faṭānī was born in 1133/1720 as Abdullah claimed,¹⁰⁹ then he would have been a direct contemporary of al-Falimbānī. If this was the case, questions can be asked as to why he did not accompany him to study in Zabīd in 1147/1734 under the shaykh who was considered the '*imām ahl zamānih*,' the *imām* of his time, due to his prestige in all disciplines of Islamic learning. This was Yaḥyā al-Ahdal. Furthermore, the fact that Dāwūd al-Faṭānī studied with Sulaymān al-Ahdal confirms he spent time in Zabīd, since the latter only travelled to Mecca to perform *hajj* in 1167/1753.¹¹⁰ Thus, he must have been born at least around 1153/1740 as Azra suggests because he was unable to study with Aḥmad Maqbūl al-Ahdal, al-Falimbānī's second and main teacher, who died in 1167.

On the *Ṣūfī ṭarīqah*, it is evident that Dāwūd al-Faṭānī adhered to the Shaṭṭāriyyah Order. This, for instance, is reflected in numerous works by him mentioning this Order over others. He points out that *kayfiyyat adh-dhikr* (method of remembrance) differs from one Order to another and follows by mentioning only the *kayfiyyah* according to the Shaṭṭāriyyah Order, quoting *al-'arīf bi 'l-Allāh* Aḥmad al-Qushāshī as the authority.¹¹¹

From my examination of some of his unpublished works, it is clear that he was familiar with the works of preceding *Ṣūfī* scholars from the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. For instance, in two short epistles answering questions on mysticism, which he wrote in Mecca on 7 Ramaḍān 1233/11 July 1818 and a week later, on 15 Ramaḍān/19 July respectively, he quotes as authoritative sources, al-Burhānpūrī's (d. 1029/1619) *at-Tuḥfah al-Mursalāh*, Aḥmad al-Qushāshī's (d. 1071/1661) *Qaṣd as-Sabīl* and 'Abd al-Ghanī an-Nābulusī's (d. 1143/1731) epistle on *waḥdat al-wujūd*.¹¹² It is important to mention at this point that it may well have been al-Falimbānī who introduced most of these works to Dāwūd

al-Faṭānī, being the grand-disciple of an-Nābulusī himself and due to his prominent position among the *Jāwī* community in *al-Ḥaramayn*.

Al-Falimbānī in Zabīd

Undoubtedly, the best-known of al-Falimbānī's students was his Yemeni disciple 'Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Ahdal, whom we have already frequently mentioned earlier. This is due to several reasons; firstly, because he was the only student whose relationship with al-Falimbānī bears a detailed account. Secondly, this account was written directly by al-Ahdal himself and not by any third party. Thirdly, al-Ahdal, in his own right, was a prominent scholar of his generation who assumed the highest religious office in Zabīd. Fourthly, because he was one of the most ubiquitous scholars of this period, not only can we find his biographical notices from various sources, but we can easily trace his scholarly networks from various *isnād* works in numerous sources written either by his contemporaries and later generations. Finally, in addition to all of the above, we already know the strong and close connections that al-Falimbānī had established with al-Ahdal family, as he himself studied with them and they were probably his main teachers and mentors in Zabīd. Thus, it is not surprising that he came back to Zabīd after he in turn became a prominent scholar; and that he was received with high regards, especially by al-Ahdal family.

Wajīh ad-Dīn 'Abd ar-Raḥmān b. Sulaymān b. Yaḥya b. 'Umar al-Ahdal was born in Zabīd in Dhū al-Qa'dah 1179/April 1766.¹¹³ His genealogy, as I have shown earlier in the discussion of his grandfather Yaḥyā, is traced back to Ḥusayn b. 'Alī ^{ṣalawallāhu 'alayhī wa'ālihi}, the grandson of the Prophet SAW. As the al-Ahdal family was well established for their stature and renowned for their scholarship, one can expect that 'Abd ar-Raḥmān need not travel to gain knowledge, especially since his own father Sulaymān and his grandfather before him, were *mufīis* of Zabīd. He received his rudimentary and advanced learning chiefly from his father, and he in turn became a prominent scholar of his time. This is corroborated by Šiddīq al-Qannūjī (1248-1307/1832-89), who considered himself one of his students by way of *al-ijāzah al-'āmmah li-ahl al-'aṣr*. He describes 'Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Ahdal as "an *imām*, *faqīh*, the great *ḥadīth* authority,

exegete, jurist who had the knowledge of the rational and traditional sciences, and who was unparalleled among his peers."¹¹⁴

In addition to this testimony, it is evident that 'Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Ahdal was a scholar of extraordinary ability. After his father's death in 1197/1782, due to his profound erudition, intellectual distinction and competency, and no doubt due to the position of his family, he was appointed to the office of *mufī* when he was only eighteen years of age.¹¹⁵ Thus, he was a third generation *mufī* of al-Ahdal house. Indeed, most of his sons, nephews and grandchildren later occupied the post of *mufī* of Zabīd in continuous succession.¹¹⁶

'Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Ahdal remained the *mufī* of Zabīd for fifty-three years until he died on 21 Ramaḍān 1250/21 January 1835 in that city at the age of seventy-one. In 1263/1846, his contemporary and student Sa'd b. 'Abd Allāh Suhayl al-Yamanī az-Zabīdī, compiled his biography in a small epistle entitled *Faṭḥ ar-Raḥmān fī Manāqib Sīdī 'Abd ar-Raḥmān b. Sulaymān*.¹¹⁷ However, after an extensive search, I have not found any manuscript or published copy of this work.

Perhaps one of al-Ahdal's most noted works was his *thabat*, a compilation of his teachers entitled *an-Nafas al-Yamānī*. In this respect, al-Kattānī remarks that "his *an-Nafas* was among the most precious works ever written, the best ever compiled in the past century for it includes extensive narrations and '*uluw al-isnād*, combining together Meccan, Indian, Khurāsānī, Yemenī, Maghribī and Egyptian scholars" (*nafasuḥu ḥādhā min anfas mā ullif wa-arfa' mā ṣunif fī 'l-qarn al-munṣarim, ittisā' riwāyah wa-'uluw isnād, wa-ḍhamma al-makkī li 'l-hindī, al-khurāsānī li 'l-yamanī, wa 'l-maghribī li 'l-miṣrī*).¹¹⁸ In addition to al-Kattānī's remark, one can see from examining *an-Nafas al-Yamānī* itself that it is one of the most significant sources for the history of Islamic intellectual networks from the eighteenth century, with Zabīd as its centrepiece. This is because al-Ahdal did not merely list his teachers, their teachers and the works he studied with them as is customary with other *thabats*. Rather, he extensively provides us with succinct biographical notices, thirty-six to be exact, including thirteen visiting scholars to Zabīd, making this work on its own merit, a rich biographical source for the study of eighteenth century Muslim scholars.

Looking at al-Ahdal's teachers in his *an-Nafas al-Yamānī*, al-Kattānī commented that since fourteen of them were also teachers of Murtaḍā az-Zabīdī and al-Ahdal himself lived almost fifty years after az-Zabīdī's death, it is obvious that "he was the last important scholar and the most sought after in the [Islamic] world due to his 'uluw al-isnād, abundant prestige, far reaching reputation and profound knowledge" (*khātimat man yurḥal ilayhim fī 'd-dunya li-'uluw isnādihi wa-wāfir jāhihi wa-bu'd šītihi wa-kabīr 'ilmih*).¹¹⁹

At this point, it is worth noting that, al-Ahdal's *an-Nafas* contains the first biographical notice in Arabic literature on a *Jāwī* scholar, in this case, 'Abd aṣ-Ṣamad al-Falimbānī. It is an illustration of the importance of this genre for the study of scholarly relations and interaction between the Malay and the Arab worlds. This applies in particular to works of Yemeni scholars because we know that most of the *Jāwī* 'ulamā' of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries such as Nūr ad-Dīn ar-Rānīrī, 'Abd ar-Ra'ūf as-Sinkīlī and Yūsuf al-Maqassārī, all studied in Yemen during their early scholarship before we eventually find them in *al-Haramayn*. However, it is important to remember that al-Falimbānī's biographical account was included in this work because, from al-Ahdal's point of view, he was one of the thirteen scholars from the *ṭabaqat al-wāfidīn*, or visiting professors who taught in Zabīd and whom he regarded highly. This evidence itself stands alone to indicate that al-Falimbānī in the *Jāwī* scholarly context, was particularly prominent in Arab eyes.

'Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Ahdal specifically mentioned in his *an-Nafas al-Yamānī* that he studied al-Ghazālī's *Iḥyā' 'Ulūm ad-Dīn* with his teacher 'Abd aṣ-Ṣamad al-Falimbānī and upon his request, al-Falimbānī granted him a lengthy *ijāzah* written in his own hand.¹²⁰ Unfortunately, he did not include or tell us the content of this *ijāzah*, which would have helped us further in understanding al-Falimbānī's intellectual standing. His *an-Nafas al-Yamānī* remains one of the most crucial sources for al-Falimbānī's biography despite lacking important details. For instance, al-Ahdal does not tell us the duration of al-Falimbānī's sojourn in Zabīd, his age or date of birth or death. Nor does he list his works, the subjects he taught, his students, the number of Yemeni or Zabīd students who attended his teaching sessions, or their names, etc. However, from his succinct remarks, it is evident that al-Falimbānī had, at least, a group of

“outstanding students” in Zabīd whom al-Ahdal terms as *ba‘d fuḍalā’ aṭ-ṭalabah*.¹²¹

From other sources, we can depict some of the subjects that al-Falimbānī taught in Zabīd, or at least taught to al-Ahdal himself. Apart from al-Ghazālī's *Iḥyā’*, he studied az-Zurqānī's commentary on *al-Muwatta’* with al-Falimbānī, and with this *isnād*, he relates the rest of az-Zurqānī's works.¹²² As already mentioned, al-Ahdal received the initiation into as-Sammāniyyah *Ṣūfī* Order from ‘Abd aṣ-Ṣamad al-Falimbānī, who in turn had received this Order directly from its founder his Master Muḥammad as-Sammān. Al-Ahdal in turn passed down this Order to later generations of Yemeni scholars.¹²³ It is evident from this *silsilah* that al-Falimbānī was a leading proponent of as-Sammāniyyah Order who disseminated it further to his *Jāwī* and Arab students.

In addition to *an-Nafas al-Yamānī*, ‘Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Ahdal wrote numerous works, including *Sharḥ Bulūgh al-Marām fī Aḥādith al-Aḥkām*, *Kashf al-Ghiṭā’ fī Mas’alat Ibn ‘Aṭā’*, *al-Faṭḥ al-‘Alī fī Ma’rifat Salb al-Walī*, *Baḥṭh fī Sabab Taqdīm al-Aws ‘alā ‘l-Khazraj*, apparently on historical factors for the preference of al-Aws over al-Khazraj, the two tribes of Medina, *Faṭḥ al-Laṭīf fī Sharḥ Muqaddimat at-Taṣrīf*, *Talqīḥ al-Aḥkām fī Waṣāyā Khayr al-Anām*, *Farā’id al-Fawā’id*, *ar-Rawḍ al-Warīf fī Istikhdām ash-Sharīf*, and *Barakat ad-Dunyā wa ‘l-Ukhrā fī ‘l-Ijāzāt al-Kubrā*.¹²⁴ The latter, is a work specifically on his *ijāzah* in two volumes, the manuscript copy of which is said to exist in a private library – namely Maktabat al-Adīb Muḥammad b. Ḥasan al-Yarīmī in Ṣan‘ā’.¹²⁵ Al-Kattānī mentioned this work in his *Fahras al-Fahāris*; however he only gives a very brief description telling us that he found its attribution to al-Ahdal in the *ijāzah* of Muḥammad b. ‘Abd Allāh al-‘Āmirī, the Ḥanbalī *mufī* in Mecca.¹²⁶ As the title would suggest, perhaps this work contains all the *ijāzās* written and granted to ‘Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Ahdal by his teachers, including no doubt, the aforementioned lengthy *ijāzah* written by al-Falimbānī.

Apparently, al-Ahdal did not travel much. This is perhaps understandable, as we noted earlier that he assumed the office of *mufī* at a very young age leaving him with no option to travel widely. However, that does not mean he did not meet eminent scholars of his time or did not travel at all. Furthermore, from his *an-Nafas al-Yamānī* we can

deduce that he took the opportunity to study with any eminent visiting professors to Zabīd in addition to its own *‘ulamā’*. One such occasional trip we have account of was his travel to *al-Ḥaramayn*. According to al-Ḥabshī, al-Ahdal travelled to Mecca in 1199/1784 where presumably, as well as performing the *ḥajj* he met one of his teachers, ‘Abd Allāh b. Sulaymān al-Jarhazī.¹²⁷ It is perhaps during this stay that he met some of his other Meccan teachers mentioned in his *an-Nafas*, such as ‘Abd al-Malik b. ‘Abd al-Mun‘im b. Tāj ad-Dīn b. ‘Abd al-Muḥsin al-Qal‘ī (ca. 1150-1229/1737-1813), the Ḥanafī *muftī* in Mecca.¹²⁸

It should be understood that despite having limited opportunity to travel outside Zabīd to study with scholars of his time, his ubiquitous presence in *isnāds* of his contemporaries and later generations is more than enough evidence to highlight his prominent position as an extraordinary scholar. In addition, I have already demonstrated above his highly regarded stature, as attested by other renowned scholars such as al-Kattānī. From his vast narrations, it is worth noting that he had connections to earlier *Ṣūfī* progenitors. For instance, his *isnād* on *ḥadīth at-talqīm* begins with his father Sulaymān, who in turn received it from Aḥmad Maqbūl, who received it from Aḥmad an-Nakhli, who received it from ‘Īsā ath-Tha‘alibī and henceforth, including names such as Abū Madyan Shu‘ayb b. al-Ḥusayn, Ibn al-‘Arabi, al-Ghazālī, Abū Ṭalīb al-Makkī, al-Junayd al-Baghdādī, as-Sarī as-Saqatī, Ma‘rūf al-Karkhī, Dāwūd at-Ṭā‘ī, and others up to the Prophet SAW.¹²⁹

Thus, from the above discussion, it is clear that I have established the point that ‘Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Ahdal was undoubtedly the best-known and most prominent example among al-Falimbānī’s students.

Al-Falimbānī in the Malay Archipelago

In contrast to the above two major centres of Islamic learning (Mecca and Zabīd), al-Falimbānī’s students in the Archipelago are the most difficult to identify. Firstly, this without doubt is due to a grave shortage of available Malay sources because most of the primary materials, especially the rich collections of manuscripts deposited in various libraries, remain untouched until today. Secondly, to a certain extent, even if we do find such records of his students from these manuscripts, it would not be easy

to trace and establish their identities. Unless they were among the later renowned *Jāwī* scholars whom we can find records of from the earlier mentioned Arabic biographical dictionaries, it is almost impossible to establish their identities since we do not have such compilations in Malay. Finally, recent references to such records are often unreliable or unverified as they lack the analytical and critical scholarly spirit. Some of these are mainly claims only based on oral traditions, which are practically impossible to ascertain.

The only information on al-Falimbānī's students in the Malay Archipelago at present is scattered in the compilations of Shaghir Abdullah. However, since his works suffer from a number of inconsistencies as indicated earlier, it should be treated with caution. The first such student whom Abdullah claims to have been a disciple of al-Falimbānī was Haji Maḥmūd b. Muḥammad Yūsuf of Terengganu, Malaysia, who copied substantial numbers of al-Falimbānī's works. Abdullah argues that among the evidence indicating that he was his student is a clearly recorded manuscript copy of *al-'Urwat al-Wuthqā*, which unfortunately is only available in Abdullah's own personal collection. He adds that Maḥmūd is said to have started his active writing career in 1235/1819 and that it extended to 1291/1874.¹³⁰ However, if these dates can be verified, it is then plausible that he might possibly have met and studied with al-Falimbānī, since I have already established earlier that he died in 1254/1839. Moreover, we would still need further evidence to support the claim that he studied with him even if we can prove that they both lived during the same period.

The second student of al-Falimbānī that Abdullah mentioned was Ismā'il b. 'Abd Allāh al-Minkābāwī. In addition, he points out that the latter's son Muḥammad Nūr was a student of al-Falimbānī's daughter, Fāṭimah al-Falimbāniyyah.¹³¹ However, we are fortunate that Ismā'il's biographical notice is available from our Arabic biographical sources.

All biographers of Ismā'il b. 'Abd Allāh al-Minkābāwī al-Jāwī al-Makkī al-Khālidi an-Naqshabandī ash-Shāfi'i are in accord that he was born in the Malay Archipelago, perhaps in Minangkabau, Sumatra as his *nishbah* indicates. He travelled with his father at a very young age to Mecca where he grew up and received his rudimentary education.¹³² He then advanced his learning under the guidance of 'Uthmān ad-Dimyātī

with whom he studied several Islamic disciplines, including *fiqh* with his instruction. After his teacher's death (in 1265/1848), Ismā'īl al-Minkābāwī moved on to study with his nephew, Aḥmad ad-Dimyāṭī (d. 1270/1853) whom we have mentioned earlier was the Shāfi'ī *mufī* of Mecca. Other scholars with whom he also studied include Muḥammad Sa'id al-Qudsī (d. 1260/1844) and Ṣāliḥ ar-Ra'īs az-Zamzamī (d. 1240/1824), both Shāfi'ī *mufī*s of Mecca. The latter was among one of his close teachers and according to al-Bakrī, he met him during his early youth and remained with him until his death, which al-Minkābāwī dated in his own handwriting as Thursday, 7 Jumādā ath-Thānīyah 1240/27 January 1825.¹³³

It is important to point out that these scholars were also teachers of 'Abd al-Ghanī b. Ṣubḥ al-Bīmāwī, mentioned earlier as a student of al-Falimbānī. Thus, Ismā'īl al-Minkābāwī's period of study must have coincided with that of al-Bīmāwī's and it can therefore be expected that they must have been contemporaries in Mecca and were most likely part of the same circles. Ismā'īl al-Minkābāwī later became so proficient in various Islamic sciences that he was nominated to teach at al-Masjid al-Ḥarām and students flocked to study with him. In term of *ṭarīqah* affiliation, he follows the Naqshabandiyyah Khālidiyyah *Ṣūfī* Order. Abdullah maintains that al-Minkābāwī was the proponent of this Order in Kepulauan Riau (Riau Islands, Indonesia) and that most of the adherents of this Order traced back their *silsilah* to him.¹³⁴

Though Ismā'īl al-Minkābāwī's date of birth is unknown, biographical sources are in accord that he died in Mecca after 1280/1863, and al-Bakrī points out that he died at the age of close to seventy.¹³⁵ Thus, he must have been born approximately around 1210/1795 and if this was the case, it is then highly plausible that he met and studied with al-Falimbānī. Ismā'īl al-Minkābāwī was survived by two sons, Muḥammad Azharī (d. 1302 or 3/1884 or 5)¹³⁶ and Muḥammad Nūr (d. 1313/1895),¹³⁷ who according to Mirdād were meritorious and upright scholars (*'aqaba ibnayn 'ālimayn fādīlayn*); the former died in Mecca leaving two sons, Ismā'īl and Sālim, and the latter also died in Mecca at the age of fifty and was survived by two daughters.¹³⁸

It is worth noting that while in one work Abdullah mentioned that Ismā'īl al-Minkābāwī was al-Falimbānī's student, he contradicts himself

in another by saying that he was a close friend of both al-Falimbānī and Dāwūd al-Faṭānī.¹³⁹ From the dates surrounding his life and his period of study, it is hardly plausible that al-Minkābāwī could have been a close friend of these two scholars in the real sense. Perhaps they were friendly towards him. Nonetheless, based on the place he lived and died (Mecca), he was perhaps very likely to be among al-Falimbānī's students in Mecca rather than in the Archipelago.

Another of al-Falimbānī students in the Archipelago mentioned in passing by Abdullah was Muḥammad Ṣāliḥ b. Murīd ar-Rāwā.¹⁴⁰ However, Arabic sources only mention him as Shaykh Ṣāliḥ Rāwāh al-Jāwī ash-Shāfi'ī, born in his hometown and later travelled and sojourned in Mecca for a considerable period. He studied with prominent scholars of his time including a blind scholar (*aḍ-ḍarīr*), Sayyid Aḥmad al-Marzūqī al-Mālikī (d. 1281/1864) and 'Uthmān ad-Dimyāṭī. Ṣāliḥ Rāwāh was an intelligent student and was lauded by his *al-Ḥaramayn* teachers and granted the permission to teach at al-Masjid al-Ḥarām; students, mostly *Jāwīs* flocked to study with him.¹⁴¹ Again, we notice that these scholars were also teachers to most of al-Falimbānī's students in Mecca, thus indicating that Ṣāliḥ Rāwāh must have been their contemporary and was most likely part of the same circle.

In addition, Mirdād points out that in terms of *ṭarīqah* affiliation, he follows as-Sammāniyyah *Ṣūfī* Order.¹⁴² Perhaps, he received the membership to this Order directly from al-Falimbānī who we know was one of as-Sammān's *khalīfahs* and a leading proponent of this Order. According to al-Bakrī and Mirdād, Ṣāliḥ Rāwāh died in Mecca around 1270/1853 and was interred at al-Ma'lā leaving two sons, Aḥmad and Muḥammad.¹⁴³

To conclude this chapter, it is clear that 'Abd aṣ-Ṣamad al-Falimbānī was a peripatetic scholar, travelling from one centre of Islamic learning to another, studying with and learning from various teachers who had their own personal traditions of religious scholarship before settling down in Mecca where he later became established. There was a great deal of diversity among his teachers as they were different from each other in terms of not only their places of origin but also their *madhhabs* and *ṭarīqah* affiliations. Though al-Falimbānī was a Shāfi'ī in terms of his adherence to Islamic legal doctrine, he did not restrict himself

by studying only with Shāfi'ī scholars but also with teachers from the three remaining Sunni *madhhabs*: Ḥanafī, Mālikī and Ḥanbalī. Similarly, in terms of *ṭarīqah* affiliation, his teachers followed the path of an-Naqshabandiyyah, al-Qādiriyyah, ash-Shaṭṭāriyyah, ash-Shādhiliyyah, al-'Ādiliyyah, al-Khalwatiyyah, al-'Alawiyyah, while he followed the path of al-Khalwatiyyah as-Sammāniyyah.

It is also important to highlight that al-Falimbānī's scholarly and intellectual connections with eminent scholars of earlier generations are evident through his interactions with his numerous teachers. For instance, through Yaḥyā al-Ahdal, Aḥmad Maqbūl al-Ahdal, Sālim al-Baṣrī and 'Umar as-Saqqāf, al-Falimbānī was the 'grand-disciple' of 'Abd Allāh al-Baṣrī, Aḥmad an-Nakhli, Ḥasan al-'Ujaymī, Muḥammad Abū Ṭāhir al-Kūrānī, Tāj ad-Dīn b. 'Abd al-Muḥsin al-Qal'ī and Muṣṭafā b. Faṭḥ Allāh al-Ḥamawī. Through 'Abd al-Ghanī Hilāl, he was the 'grand-disciple' of Muḥammad Hilāl and Muḥammad Sa'īd Sunbul; through Muḥammad Mirdād and Muḥammad Murād as-Sindī, he was the 'grand-disciple' of Abū al-Ḥasan as-Sindī aṣ-Ṣaghīr and Muḥammad Hāshim at-Tatwī as-Sindī, an eminent Indian scholar, respectively; through Ibrāhīm az-Zamzamī, he was a 'grand-disciple' of Ibn 'Aqīlah, Muḥammad b. aṭ-Ṭayyib al-Maghribī, Aḥmad al-Ashbūlī and 'Abd Allāh ash-Shubrāwī; through Muḥammad as-Sammān, he was a 'grand-disciple' of Muṣṭafā b. Kamāl ad-Dīn al-Bakrī, 'Abd Allāh b. 'Alawī al-Ḥaddād, Muḥammad Ḥayāt as-Sindī and Muḥammad b. Sālim al-Ḥifnī.

Through his Egyptian teachers, such as Dāwūd al-Kharibtāwī and Murtaḍā az-Zabīdī, he was a 'grand-disciple' of Muḥammad b. 'Abd al-Bāqī az-Zurqānī and Shāh Walī Allāh ad-Dihlawī respectively. Finally, through his Damascene teachers, such as Aḥmad b. 'Ubayd al-'Aṭṭār and Muḥammad b. Aḥmad as-Saffārīnī, he was a 'grand-disciple' of 'Alī al-Kuzbarī, Muḥammad b. 'Abd ar-Raḥmān al-Ghazzī, Ismā'īl al-'Ajlūnī, Aḥmad al-Manīnī, Ilyās al-Kūrānī, Aḥmad al-Ba'li and 'Abd al-Ghanī an-Nābulusī.

The importance of stating al-Falimbānī's long list of scholarly connections above is that it enables us to see how the Islamic intellectual tradition and the scholarly writings of such '*ulamā*' were handed down to al-Falimbānī and through him to his students. This will be further illustrated by looking at his own writings, which we turn to next.

Endnotes

- ¹ For Nawawī al-Bantānī's biography and works see al-Bakrī, *Fayḍ al-Malik al-Wahhāb*, vol. 1, pp. 28-9; vol. 2, pp. 1637-9; Mirdād, *al-Mukhtaṣar*, vol. 2, pp. 449-50; 'Abd al-Jabbār, *Siyar wa-Tarājim*, p. 288; az-Ziriklī, *al-A'lām*, vol. 6, p. 318; al-Mu'allimī, *A'lām al-Makkiyyīn*, vol. 2, pp. 969-70; al-Baghdādī, *Hadiyyat al-'Arifīn*, vol. 2, p. 394; idem, *Īdāh al-Maknūn*, vol. 1, pp. 11, 189, 204, 342, 346, 420, 464, 543, 599; vol. 2, pp. 18, 21, 24, 105, 167, 172, 192, 218, 235, 245, 399, 468, 674, 691, 695; Kaḥḥālāh, *Mu'jam al-Mu'allifīn*, vol. 11, p. 87; vol. 12, p. 83; Mamdūh, *Tashnīf al-Asmā'*, p. 304; Steenbrink, Karel A., "Syekh Nawawi Banten," in his *Beberapa Aspek Tentang Islam di Indonesia Abad ke-19* (Jakarta, Bulan Bintang, 1984), pp. 117-27; Snouck, *Mekka in the Later Part of 19th Century*, pp. 268-73; Abdullah, "Syekh Nawawi al-Bantani – Imam Nawawi Kedua" in *Dewan Budaya*, August 1993, pp. 51-3; idem, "Syekh Nawawi al-Bantani, digelar Iman Nawawi kedua" in *Utusan Malaysia*, Monday 7 February 2005, p. 9; Heer, *A Concise Handlist*, pp. 45-50; Brockelmann, *GAL (S)*, vol. II, pp. 813-4. For a study on Nawawī al-Bantānī see Abd. Rachman, "Nawawī al-Bantānī: An Intellectual Master of the Pesantren Tradition," *Studia Islamika*, 3, 3 (1996), pp. 81-114; Wijoyo, Alex Soesilo, *Shaykh Nawawi of Banten: Texts, Authority, and the Gloss Tradition* (PhD thesis, Columbia University, 1997); Azra, *The Origins of Islamic Reformism*, p. 151.
- ² See al-Bakrī, *Fayḍ al-Malik al-Wahhāb*, vol. 2, p. 1637.
- ³ See Abd. Rachman, "Nawawī al-Bantānī," p. 86.
- ⁴ See az-Ziriklī, *al-A'lām*, vol. 6, p. 318; al-Bakrī, *Fayḍ al-Malik al-Wahhāb*, vol. 2, p. 1637.
- ⁵ See al-Bakrī, *Fayḍ al-Malik al-Wahhāb*, vol. 2, p. 1638; Mirdād, *al-Mukhtaṣar min Kitāb Nashr an-Naww*, vol. 2, pp. 449-50; 'Abd al-Jabbār, *Siyar wa-Tarājim*, p. 288.
- ⁶ See al-Fādānī, *al-Arba'ūn al-Buldāniyyah*, p. 62; idem, *al-Wāfi*, p. 105.
- ⁷ See supra, pp. 95, 96, 114, 135, 136.
- ⁸ See al-Bakrī, *Fayḍ al-Malik al-Wahhāb*, vol. 2, p. 1638; 'Abd al-Jabbār, *Siyar wa-Tarājim*, p. 288.
- ⁹ See al-Bantānī (d. 1314/1896) Muḥammad Nawawī b. 'Umar b. 'Arabī b. 'Alī al-Jāwī al-Makkī, *Ijāzah Muḥammad Nawawī b. 'Umar al-Jāwī al-Bantānī Li-'Abd as-Sattār b. 'Abd al-Wahhāb al-Hindī al-Kutbī aṣ-Ṣiddiqī* (MSS Maktabat al-Ḥaram al-Makkī, 725/4 *Ijāzāt*), p. 15.

- ¹⁰ See Snouck Hurgronje, *Mekka in the Later Part of 19th Century*, pp. 268-73. Cf. Steenbrink, *Beberapa Aspek Tentang Islam*, pp. 117-22.
- ¹¹ For Khaṭīb as-Sambasī's biography see al-Bakrī, *Fayḍ al-Malik al-Wahhāb*, vol. 1, pp. 273-4; Mirdād, *al-Mukhtaṣar*, vol. 1, p. 53; 'Abd al-Jabbār, *Siyar wa-Tarājim*, p. 71; al-Mu'allimī, *A'lām al-Makkiyyīn*, vol. 1, p. 526; Abdullah, *Perkembangan Ilmu Tasawuf*, pp. 177-93; Heer, *A Concise Handlist*, p. 16.
- ¹² 'Abd al-Ghanī al-Bīmāwī's biography is given shortly.
- ¹³ Cf. al-Fādānī, *al-Iqd al-Farīd*, pp. 2, 10, 11, 16, 19, 25, 28, 29, 48, 49, 52, 59; idem, *al-Wāfi*, pp. 6, 7, 10, 13, 16, 17, 47, 50, 54, 60, passim; idem, *Tanwīr al-Baṣīrah*, p. 11; idem, *Waraqāt*, p. 25; idem, *al-Nafhat al-Miskiyyah*, p. 5; idem, *al-Qawl al-Jamīl*, p. 22; idem, *al-Fayḍ ar-Raḥmānī*, p. 14; idem, *Ithāf al-Bararah*, pp. 10, 12; al-Falimbānī, Mukhtār, *Bulūgh al-Amānī*, vol. 3, pp. 7, 21, 54, 62, 66, passim; Abū Ghuddah, *Imdād al-Fattāh*, p. 502.
- ¹⁴ See al-Bakrī, *Fayḍ al-Malik al-Wahhāb*, vol. 2, p. 1638; 'Abd al-Jabbār, *Siyar wa-Tarājim*, p. 288.
- ¹⁵ For more information of some of his prominent students see Wijoyo, *Shaykh Nawawi of Banten*, pp. 77-88; Azra, *The Origins of Islamic Reformism*, p. 151.
- ¹⁶ Jam'an at-Tanqarānī was reported to have been a *mu'ammār* who lived for one hundred and eighty years and died on 8 Shawwāl 1381/15 March 1962. See al-Falimbānī, Mukhtār, *Bulūgh al-Amānī*, vol. 1, p. 169.
- ¹⁷ Cf. al-Fādānī, *Ithāf al-Mustafīd*, p. 24; idem, *al-Arba'ūn al-Buldāniyyah*, p. 61; idem, *al-Wāfi*, pp. 16, 17, 45, 47, 61, passim; idem, *Waraqāt*, p. 25; idem, *Tanwīr al-Baṣīrah*, p. 11; idem, *al-Nafhat al-Miskiyyah*, p. 5.
- ¹⁸ See al-Bakrī, *Fayḍ al-Malik al-Wahhāb*, vol. 2, p. 1637.
- ¹⁹ See al-Baghdādī, *Hadīyyat al-Ārifīn*, vol. 2, p. 394; al-Mu'allimī, *A'lām al-Makkiyyīn*, vol. 2, p. 970.
- ²⁰ See footnote 9 above. Cf. Muṭī' ar-Raḥmān, *al-Faḥras al-Mukhtaṣar*, vol. 1, p. 311; vol. 3, p. 1030.
- ²¹ See al-Bantanī (d. 1314/1896), Muḥammad Nawawī b. 'Umar, *Marāqī al-'Ubūdiyyah Sharḥ 'alā Bidāyat al-Hidāyah* (Egypt, Maṭba'at Dār al-Kutub al-'Arabiyyah al-Kubrā, 1327/1909), p. 100; idem, *Salālim al-Fuḍalā' 'alā al-Manẓūmah al-musammāh Hidāyat al-Adhkiyā' ilā Ṭarīq al-Awliyā'* (Egypt, al-Maṭba'at al-Bahiyyah, 1301/1884), p. 56.
- ²² See al-Bantanī, *Salālim al-Fuḍalā'*, p. 2.
- ²³ See Snouck Hurgronje, *Mekka in the Later Part of 19th Century*, pp. 271-2.

- ²⁴ *Ibid.*, pp. 270-1.
- ²⁵ See al-Fādānī, *al-'Iqd al-Farīd*, pp. 6, 8, 68, 101, 105, 119, 120, 124, 130, 148; idem, *al-Wāfi*, pp. 9, 12, 90, 113, 114, 123, 124, 131, 140, 142; al-Falimbānī, Mukhtār, *Bulūgh al-Amānī*, vol. 3, p. 36.
- ²⁶ For 'Uthmān ad-Dimyātī's complete biography see al-Ḥaḍrāwī, *Nuzhat al-Fikar*, vol. 2, p. 331; al-Bakrī, *Fayḍ al-Malik al-Wahhāb*, vol. 1, pp. 816-7; al-Mu'allimī, *A'lām al-Makkiyyīn*, vol. 1, p. 431; Mirdād, *al-Mukhtaṣar*, vol. 2, pp. 336-7; al-Kattānī, *Fahras al-Fahāris*, vol. 2, pp. 776-7; Zabārah, *Nayl al-Waṭar*, vol. 2, p. 267; Abū Ghuddah, *Imdād al-Fattāh*, pp. 287-8.
- ²⁷ See al-Kattānī, *Fahras al-Fahāris*, vol. 2, p. 777. Aḥmad Daḥlān in turn was highly venerated by his students that his merits were later compiled in a separate work. See Shaṭā (1310/1893), as-Sayyid Abū Bakr b. Muḥammad Zayn al-'Ābidīn, *Nafhat ar-Raḥmān fī ba'd Manāqib as-Sayyid Aḥmad b. Zaynī Daḥlān* (Egypt, al-Maṭba'at al-Bahīyyah, 1305/1887).
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- ²⁹ See al-Amīr al-Kabīr (1232/1816), Muḥammad b. Muḥammad b. Aḥmad b. 'Abd al-Qādir al-Mālikī al-Azhārī, *Thabat Muḥammad al-Amīr al-Kabīr* (Egypt, Maṭba'at al-Ma'āhid, 1345/1926); ash-Shanawānī (d. 1233/1817), Muḥammad b. 'Alī b. Maṣṣūr al-Azhārī ash-Shāfi'ī, *ad-Durar as-Saniyyah fī mā 'Alā min 'l-Asānīd ash-Shanawāniyyah* (s.l., s.n., s.a.); ash-Sharqāwī (d. 1227/1812), 'Abd Allāh b. Ḥijāzī al-Azhārī, *al-Jāmi' al-Ḥawī Fī Marwiyyāt ash-Sharqāwī*, edited by Muḥammad Yāsīn b. Muḥammad 'Īsā al-Fādānī al-Makkī (Damascus, Dār al-Baṣā'ir, 1405/1985).
- ³⁰ See al-Kattānī, *Fahras al-Fahāris*, vol. 2, p. 777.
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- ³² See al-Bakrī, *Fayḍ al-Malik al-Wahhāb*, vol. 1, p. 817.
- ³³ See al-Fādānī, *al-Maslak al-Jalī*, p. 108.
- ³⁴ See al-Fādānī, *Asānīd al-Faqīh*, p. 11; idem, *al-Maslak al-Jalī*, p. 98.
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- ³⁶ See al-Kattānī, *Fahras al-Fahāris*, vol. 1, pp. 137, 138, 390; vol. 2, pp. 776-7, 1072, 1079; Mirdād, *al-Mukhtaṣar*, vol. 1, p. 55; al-Ḥaḍrāwī, *Nuzhat al-Fikar*, vol. 1, pp. 150-1, 186-90; al-Bakrī, *Fayḍ al-Malik al-Wahhāb*, vol. 1, pp. 161-2, 185-7; al-Mu'allimī, *A'lām al-Makkiyyīn*, vol. 1, pp. 430-1; at-Tarmasī, *Kifāyat al-Mustafīd*, pp. 9, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 31, 34, 36; al-Fādānī, *Asānīd al-Faqīh*, pp. 11, 52, 53, 57, 66, 67, 68, 80, 83, 104, 105; idem, *al-Wāfi*, pp. 109, 114, 124, 131,

- 141, 142; idem, *al-Arba'ūn Ḥadīthan*, pp. 16, 69, 70; idem, *al-Arba'ūn al-Buldāniyyah*, p. 11; idem, *lithāf al-Mustafīd*, pp. 6, 14, 47, 51, 57, 60, 78, 81; idem, *Asānīd al-Kutub al-Ḥadīthiyyah as-Sab'ah*, p. 15; Mamdūh, *I'lām al-Qāṣī*, p. 43; al-Ḥaddād (d. 1382/1962), 'Alawī b. Ṭāhir Muftī Johor, *al-Khulāṣat al-Wāfiyah fī 'l-Asānīd al-Āliyah* (1st edition, Beirut, Dār al-Judhūr, 1418/1998), pp. 10-11; Sardār, *Bulūgh Amānī al-Abrār*, pp. 303, 331, 357.
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- 54 He relates that the reason for being known with this appellation was that to distinguished between himself who was physically tall and his compatriot Arshad b. Muḥammad who was short, the *Jāwīs* pilgrims called them Arshad 'aṭ-Ṭawīl' (tall) and Arshad 'al-Qaṣīr' (short) respectively. See Mamdūh, *Tashnīf al-Asmā'*, pp. 91-2.
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